The true London Prophet.

OR,

A Comical Remarker, and Predictioner for the future part of this Year, 1699.

Infallibly foretelling

What will Certainly happen (whether the Stars will or no) both in Court, City and Country, betwixt this and *Whit-Sunday* next,

To which is added

A Discovery of many pritty Intrigues that will be used among the noble Society of *Distillers*, and other Traders.

Also some brief touches upon the Humours, and Conversations of the Town *Beau's*, and City *Miss's*, with variety of other merry and pleasent Circumstances respecting these Times. Being very diverting to all, and hurtful to None.

London, *Printed for the Author, next Door to the Sign of the want of Money in* Dull-Trade-Yard.

To the Courteous, (not Carping) Reader.

Here's no Speaking Dragon, or Weather-Cock-Steeple,
Nor talking Monkeys to frighten the People,
No Tygars, nor Wolves that do speak without reason,
Such words as some Fellows do count damnable Treason.
Nor no barking Bull-Dogs to put me in fear,
But the plain Naked Truth that will happen this Year,
You may Read the Book o'er for an Fashion and here
Here's nothing of Chamberlins going to Dutch,
What Money he Carried 'em little or much,
Nor Disliking of State affairs here will I write,
For fear of the Plague of a Dam'd Jacobite.
But hold; I'll no longer keep you at Door,
Peep into the Book, and know it all o'er,
If you do but buy it I care for no more.

Mum Rat.

AS sure as Knavry has got the start Honesty, Poverty and Pride this *Summer* will Hand in Hand; and many will terribly pinch their Bellies to adorn their Backs, and other tumble with great willingness on their Backs to pleas their Bellies.

Whoreing will be much rail'd against in our Churches, but never more practised in Chambers; and many *London* Prentices will be forced this Year to eat *Suffolk* Cheese, to advance their Master Daughters to the Boarding-School. Honesty will be reduced to a very low Condition, and be forced tug many a Knave by the sleeve to put him in mind of his promise, (but in vain) and Vertue in plain dresse will be forc'd to pin up Vices fine Gown for a Livlihood. Justice will be in many Men's Mouthes, but in few Men's Hearts, we shall hear often of her name, but know not where to find her, and where she ought to Dwell, we shall not dare to look for her.

This Year will a rise sharp disputes among Prentice Boys, Chamber-Maids and Cook Maids about *Gipsies* and *Astrologers*, which of them tells Fortunes truest, and after a great many nice Arguments, pro's and cons, *&c.* it will be decided in favour of the Saffron coloured Deviners, because they dispatch their business soonest and for less Money.

The Malice of Law Adversaries will be pretty well aswaged when the Term's over; the long Bills of Attornies and Petty-foggers will make them agree to call themselves Fools, and their Lawyers Knaves, and will make a promise to renounce the Law for the future as good Christians do the Devil and all his Works.

Those Sparks who could not purchas new Choathes at *Easter*, will be glad to have them at *Whitsun-tide*, and if they miss of 'em then (as I am sure a great many will) Especially Women, they'll go near to beare them in their minds, some Monthes after; a great deal of Money will this Summer be vainly flung away on Wine and Women, and such like alluring Commodires, by many bolsterous Youngsters, who have a bundance more Welth than Wit, but they'll in a little time so order the matter, that they'll bring them both to an equal Ballance.

Many a hopeful and pretty Young Maid will go a mile, or two out of Town in the Hollydays, and forgetting herself will lose that in few minits which she'll never find again as long as she Livers.

Lotteries and loose Lives will multiply exceedingly this Year; till they both become the only Pick-pockets of this Age tho with this difference, the former will do it with your Consent and the latter without it.

Every *Gardener* will shortly be as busie as Father *Adam* in *Paradice*, to turn Horse-Dung into Raddishes, and Ram's Horn's, into Sparrowgrass, Ay and will be verry angry too if any of the Family shall presume to lay a strs R——ce out of his own Ground insomuch that abundance of Dung-hills a'rather side the Carer will be mightily improved, to raise a Summers feast, but the first of their course must be Sauce for my *Lady*.

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Many Citizens with jealous hearts and horned-heads will this Summer be tormented with Curtain *Lectures* for New Gowns, Petticoats and other fine Nick-knacks, and if there Wives requeſt be not granted, they ſhall be lead as bad a Life, as a ſturdy Beggar in the Houſe of Correction.

Thoſe who have buckſom Young Daughters, muſt this Year take care to provide them Husbands, or elſe Guid them with a very ſtrit rein, otherwiſe the active motion of the *Spirits*, this Spring ſeaſon will beget ſuch an itch in their Tails that will make them Door on *your* Apprntices, or (which is much worſe) ſuffer their heels to be trip't up by their ſerving *Men* the firſt oppertunity.

Punks that are poor, will begin to dread the Approaching diſmal Summer, for Conſequently an *Empty* Town ſoon produces *Emty* Purſes, and want of *Money* the worſt of in fam; for ſhe that had the Honour to be Debauch'd by a Duke may in a little time (except the kind influence of her Stars prevent it) be kick't by his Foot-*Man*, or be glad to be kiſs'd by a Porter. For many a topping Laſs (now at Guinea purchaſe) will dwindle from her *Velvet-Scarff* into Ruſty Lute-ſtring and will *willingly* bear a Coach-*Man*'s ſervice for a caſt of his Ofice and a Quarten of *Brandy*, and think it a good Eveing work.

We ſhall certainly hear of great ſtrife between the Pawn-Broker *and* Tally-*Man*, *about their Honeſty tho both in their Dealings (according to Cuſtome) will ſtrive who ſhould run firſt to the Devil Head-long.*

Farmers, *like their Corn, now begin to prick up their Ears, tho they Labour between the paſſion of hope and fear, and pray as often for a dry harveſt as the juſt Man Sins ſeven a day, and when he has it in his Barn, he will chuſe rather to let the Mice, and Weaſvells, eat it than the poor ſhould have it at a reaſonable price.*

More Trades Men will be ſeen playing in the fields, (eſpecially Weavers) *then working in their Shops, he that hath Money may ſpend it, with much pleaſure, and he that hath none, may ſleep under a Hedge without any danger of having his Pocket pick'd.*

Weavers, *as well as Journy men* Taylors, *will be glad to make many a meal of Cucumbers this Summer, or elſe go to* Lambs-Cunduict, *and Drink a health to* Duke *Humphrey, and intreat Providence upon their bended Knees to take away their Stomachs, or ſend them a ſhower of Bread and Cheeſe, for tho (perhaps) meat may be pritty Cheep, yet money will be ſcarce, that if an Ox read -roaſted could be for a Penny, if he* wants both coin and Credit, if he's too proud to Beg and to Honeſt to ſteal, is in the midſt of Plenty in a very likely condition to go with out a Dinner.

Journey-Men *Shoe-makers*, Notwithſtanding the raging diſtemper of Poverty among them, yet they'll be ſo proud as ſcorn to work on a *Monday*, that they may return to their work with clear Pockets, and ſafe Conſcences, and I'll ſay that for 'em the beſt of Chriſtians can't be more thoughtful on their Laſt, their Lives 'its true are but dangerous Examples for the Righteous to follow, yet by the Doctrine of the Hammer they'll make more good *S*ouls in one Twelue-Month, than the Clergy do in Seven. This year *Diſtillers* will turn Negromances (alias Conjurers) and raiſe a bundance of Evil Spirits, not only from allſorts of Corn, but out of Carrots, & Turnops too which will poſſeſſe the People, as the Devil did the Herd of Swine, to the utter diſtruction of thoſe who fall under their Enchantments, or are Bewitch'd by 'em, which, will be the only occaſion of advancing Hogwaſh to the great Jnjury of *Iſlington* Swine-heards, as well as the Damage of *Bartholomew-Fair* Pork} if they are not ſuddainly Conjured down, or at leaſt carefully bound in Fetters of forbearance by the Wiſdom of our great Aſſembly, to prevent poiſoning the Subjects.

Church-wardens will be accounted grand Knaves, by the reſt of theire Pariſh, let them look too't as well as they can, for thoſe Sinners who fall into there Clutches for anſwer the end of the Cre-

...ion, will wish he had been a Celt; for indeed its something hard to say for taking their own Wives ...ken up: Those Players who not long since liv'd by playing to Fools, must now knock off their ...liments, and set their wits to work, wherewithal they'll find little else to do, but to Act and ...udy their parts against next Michael-Mass to play the Knave.

There will be more Religions this Summer than ever, and yet never less Piety; Christians will pre...er their ease before their devotion and think the Weather too hot to serve God in Crowds, for ...which reason the Church will have but thin Congregations.

There will certainly also be a great Quarrel between Rooks and Jack-Daws, about which of them ...are fairest, which will occasion abundance of Chattring, on both sides to little purpose, till the Eagle undertakes to decide the Difference.

Strange things will be reported this Year without truth, and believ'd with reason, and all sides will Expect miracles to be wrought, but if nothing come on't, they must sit down (tho not contented)

Rudnes Flesh and Whores Flesh will be as Common as Beef and Mutton at *Leaden-Hall Market*; ...specially about the latt end of *August*, but he that wants Skill to Choose will Certainly be ...Cheated if he meddles with Either, for the one will be very incident to the Pox, and the other to ...the Measles, at which time a great many Strong Beasts will be there to be seen, and a great many ...more Creatures to be felt. And for Deseases the Pox and Poverty, above all will be the most en...demical, and will as often meet together, as the Ague and Feaver.

Vertue and Villainy are like to meet with equal Encouragement, for as many will be Starv'd ...for their Honesty, as hang'd for their Rogeury, only with this difference Poverty shall take away the ...life of the former without a manifest Crime, whilest the Law shall require Evidence to prove ...the latter.

All sorts of Rogues will be very very Industerous in their several stations to get Money, even ...from the the *Lottery* Man to the the Common Pick-pocket, and all sorts of fools as busie in spend...ing on't, and Many a Jilt will play the part of a Queen in a foul Smock, and many a Knave as ...present a Prates Man.

Treacherous Bullies, will this Year be so busie in Robbing Young handsome Women of their Ho...nour, chatin order to be reveng'd on them and to prevent it, many will be so subtil as never to carry ...one Dram of it about 'em for the future, and by that meanes the *Bullys* will be plainly disappointed.

About Christmas *Holliday*s *next the Fanaticks will begin to Preach against Superstitions, Mince-Pyes, ...and Abominable Plomb-Porridge, &c. While on the other Hand the Church of England will as Smartly ...stand up for* Christmas *Hospitality, In short and for a Conclusion, the Church and Dissenters, the Rich and ...the Poor, the Clergy, and the Laity, Whiggs and the Tories, Williamites and Jacobites, the Plaintiffe and ...Defendants will not agree, For Mankind being, like the Elements, above me as unnatural one with another, ...like a Horse that has a higer Head than'd, there's no when they'll be reconciled.*

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